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**FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HURRICANE RELIEF PASSES HOUSE**

**Hurricane Harvey Relief.** The House of Representatives (H. R.) passed [H. R. 3672](#) (Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements), which provides \$7.850 billion for losses from Hurricane Harvey, on September 6, 2017. Appropriations included \$7.400 billion to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and \$450.0 million to the Small Business Administration for the Disaster Loan Program. Refer to the Congressional Budget Office [estimate](#) for additional information.

**Disaster Information.** Hurricane Harvey arrived on August 25, 2017, and damaged parts of Texas and Louisiana. The current estimate from the federal Office of Management and Budget states that 44,000 people were relocated to shelters, 100,000 residential homes were damaged, and 436,000 households have registered with FEMA for temporary living assistance and other related expenditures.

**Debt Ceiling.** Congress will need to increase the debt limit prior to September 29, 2017, to have enough funding for government operations. Members from the House of Representatives and the Senate have met with the President to discuss the matter; however, the increase was not part of the disaster relief legislation passed by the House of Representatives.

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